

**Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals
Health Facilities Division
Citation**

Citation Number: 6681					Date: October 20, 2017
Facility Name: Donnellson Health Center		Survey Dates: October 2-5, 2017			
Facility Address/City/State/Zip 901 State Street Donnellson, IA 52625					
		HL			
Rule or Code Section	Nature of Violation	Class	Fine Amount	Correction date	

58.43(9)	481—58.43(135C) Resident abuse prohibited. 58.43(9) Allegations of dependent adult abuse. Allegations of dependent adult abuse shall be reported and investigated pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 235E and 481—Chapter 52. (I, II, III)	II	\$500.00	Upon Receipt
52.2(2)a	481—52.2(235E) Persons who must report dependent adult abuse and the reporting procedure for those persons. 52.2(2) Reporting suspected dependent adult abuse in facilities or programs. a. If a staff member or employee is required to make a report pursuant to this rule, the staff member or employee shall immediately notify the person in charge or the person's designated agent who shall then notify the department within 24 hours of such notification or the next business day.			
235E.2(3)(a)	Iowa Code section 235E.2(3)(a) 3. a. If a staff member or employee is required to make a report pursuant to this section, the staff member or employee shall immediately notify the person in charge or the person's designated agent who shall then notify the department within twenty-four hours of such notification. If the person in charge is the alleged dependent adult abuse, the staff member shall directly report the abuse to the department within twenty-four hours.			

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	<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>Based on record review, interviews, and facility policy, the facility failed to report an allegation of abuse timely to the Department of Inspections and Appeals for 1 of 12 residents reviewed (Resident #11). The facility identified a census of 47 residents.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>1. Record review revealed on 1/14/17 Resident #11 had been admitted to the facility for skilled care for a fracture of the right ankle. According to the physician's order dated 1/1/4/17, the resident to receive Oxycontin (narcotic pain medication) 10 milligrams (mg) twice daily by mouth.</p> <p>Review of a written statement signed by Staff C, Registered Nurse (RN) dated 1/28/17 revealed Staff C counted narcotics with Staff D, Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), approximately the third week of January 2017. It was determined by both nurses the count for the resident's Oxycontin was over by one 10 mg pill. Staff C stated she observed Staff D take the extra pill and place it in her pocket. Staff C also noted in the written statement that prior to that time there was an separate occasion approximately 4 weeks prior to this incident were the narcotic count was off and Staff D again removed the Xanax (anti-anxiety medication)</p>			
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	<p>and put it in her pocket. Staff C could recall the resident or the dosage of the Xanax.</p> <p>During an interview on 10/3/7 at 9:04 am Staff C reported she witnessed two separate incidents of Staff D placing extra pills in her pocket. Staff C stated she saw Staff D remove [residents] pills and placed them in her pocket. Staff C stated Staff D did not say anything when she placed the pills in her pocket during either incident. Staff C stated she did not question Staff D at the time. Staff C stated she could not recall which resident's pills it was the first time as it occurred sometime back in December 2016. Staff C stated she did not report the incidents to administration until she was interviewed later by the facility administrator because of a suspected drug diversion. She stated she did not report to the administration because she was afraid of retaliation by Staff D.</p> <p>The facility investigation revealed Staff C reported she had witnessed Staff D take Resident #11's Oxycontin from the medication package and [on a separate occasion] Staff D removed a xanax from the package and placed these in her pocket. Staff C did know which resident the xanax belong to. The investigation revealed the facility would review [timely] reporting expectation with Staff C.</p> <p>During an interview with the Director of Nursing (DON) on 10/2/17 at 12:45 PM she stated she would expect</p>			
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	<p>all staff to report suspected abuse to their superior immediately as per facility policy.</p> <p>Record review of an undated facility policy titled Dependent Adult Abuse Reporting staff observing an incident of resident abuse or suspected abuse must immediately (within 24 hours) report such incidents to the Department of Inspections and Appeals and the charge nurse.</p> <p>FACILITY RESPONSE:</p>			
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